

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph [0009] with the following:

In the spray station, the spray coating is applied to the containers in a known manner, such as electrostatically. In such an operation, an electrostatic charge is applied to the containers and a charge of opposite polarity is applied to the spray, so that the spray is attracted to the containers 18. The electrostatic charge applied to the containers also finds ~~it~~ its way to the shields 10. The shields 10 are made of the same plastic as the containers, which, in the preferred embodiment, is PET (polyethylene terephthalate). The present inventor has found that the barrier plastic being sprayed builds up more slowly on the material of the containers than on nylon, which was previously used for the shields.